Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Prime Minister Vajpayee met on the sidelines of the Summit.

Bi-Annual DG-level BSF-BDR Meetings:

Held in New Delhi: 15—19 March 1999, 10—14 April 2000, 28 March-01 April, 2001; 28 October-2 November 2002.

Held in Dhaka: 24—28 October 1999; 21—26 October 2000; 22—25 March, 2002

Illegal migration of Indians

2397. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of Indians who are migrating to foreign countries illegally has been steadily increasing;

(b) if so, the number during the last three years along with the action taken against them; and

(c) whether Government had taken any action against the agents who have duped innocent persons of their hard earned money and if so, the number of such agents and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The requisite informaton is being collected from all Indian Missions/Posts abroad and other agencies concerned of the Government of India, and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indo-US agreement for higher technology

†2398. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and America have entered into an agreement for mutual cooperation in higher technology;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.